



# Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending August 31, 2018

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK – PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND STATUS

### Elections

The Los Angeles Board of Education voted to request the City Council to call a special election to fill the vacancy in Board District 5. The Board requested the City of Los Angeles schedule the primary election on March 5, 2019 with a runoff election on May 14, 2019.

As part of the **Free the Vote Initiative**, staff applied for and received clearance to visit LA County jails to conduct voter registration. This week, staff visited the Twin Towers, where they provided voter outreach to 70 individuals and registered 14 of them to vote.

**New Americans Initiative** work this week included attendance at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Los Angeles Convention Center (CD9) where staff provided voter information to over 900 attendees in English, Spanish, Armenian, Farsi, Russian, Korean, and Hindi. Attendees received information to prepare for the upcoming November election and many were registered to vote.

As part of our **Faith-based Initiative**, staff provided a voter information table at the Interfaith Solidarity Network meeting (CD3) and presented to West Valley Faith leaders and parishioners on the various voter outreach initiatives the City Clerk is conducting. Staff invited parishes to partner with the City Clerk to offer voter registration and information opportunities at their sites.

Staff participated in the National Iranian American Council's (NIAC) *Know Your Governance Community Education Presentation and Voter Registration* drive (CD5) in honor of Women's Equality Day. The Clerk's Farsi bilingual outreach specialist presented on the makeup of our local government and the impact of voting in local elections, as well as voter registration and civic participation. Staff also tabled at the Proud Fest in downtown LA (CD12).



926 ballots were tallied for a Special Election for the Police Department Employee Member of the Board of Fire and Police Pensions Commissioners on August 30.

A verbal report was given on the conduct of the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council Subdivision Election to the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee on Tuesday, August 28.

A restated and amended contract is currently being drafted for the online voting pilot project for the 2019 NC Elections.



# Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending August 31, 2018

## **Systems**

Staff attended the L.A. Digital Government Summit conference this week. The City's Vote-By-Mail web application was selected as a recipients of the 2018 Outstanding IT Project Award.

The Council Kiosk E-Speaker Card application has been completely re-written using the new Angular code for improved performance. The existing version has a very short delay when a speaker enters the information on the kiosk before the Council sees it on the screen. With the new version, there is zero delay and the information is instantly updated on the Council tablet. The new version will be implemented when Council is in recess starting September 11.

## **Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program**

75 NCs have submitted their administrative packets for the new fiscal year and have full access to their funds. To date, the NC system has expended almost \$400K of its \$4.1M annual budget.

An NC Funding training for financial officers was held at City Hall with a total attendance of 9 NC members from the Harbor City NC, Bel Air Beverly Crest CC, Lincoln Heights NC, Mid City West CC, Tarzana NC, Sunland Tujunga NC and Central San Pedro NC.